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Applicant: Karl-Lutz Lauterjung § Group Art Unit: 3738  
Serial No.: 08/878,908 §  
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**Mail Stop Appeal Brief**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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TRANSMITTAL OF AMENDED APPEAL BRIEF

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, attached hereto is an Amended Appeal Brief.

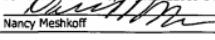
Claim 32 has been added to the Claims Appendix. The Amended Appeal Brief is therefore believed to be in compliance.

No fee is believed to be due with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (VAS.0002US).

Respectfully submitted,

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